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SUBJECT: CISL MINORITY WITHDRAWS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: THE CISL MINORITY WITHDREW FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATION AND THE DIRECTORATE OF THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL IN RESPONSE TO THE DECISION BY THE CISL BOARD OF ARBITERS (PROBIVIRI) TO SUSPECT MINORITY LEADER VITO SCALIA FOR SIX MONTHS. (SEE REFTEL). THE MINORITY DECISION WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 18 ANELIT WAS SUPPORTED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THOSE SUCH AS PAOLO SARTORI (SECRETARY GENERAL, FARMWORKERS) AND GIOVANNI NIEDDU (SECRETARY GENERAL, TELEGRAPH WORKERS) WHO ME WORKED IN THE PAST TO SMOOTH OVER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY END SUMMARY.

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2. A DOCUMENT RELEASED BY THE MINORITY STATES THAT

THE DECISION AGAINST SCALIA AFFECTS ALL MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY AND IS A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED LAST JULY TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE CONFEDERATION OVER THE ISSUE OF FURTHER UNIFICATION WITH THE SWIL. IT STATES THAT THE ACTION BY THE MAJORITY OPENS THE WAY AGAIN TOWARD DISCRIMINATION WITHIN CISL.

3. THE SUBJECT CISL MINORITY MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY A NUMBER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY IMPORTANT MINORITY LEADERS. FISBA SECRETARY GENERAL SARTORI STATED THAT THE ACTION AGAINST SCALIA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO UPHOLD THE AGREEMENT REACHED LAST JULY WITH THE MAJORITY AND IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE EXECUTIVE ORGANS OF THE CONFEDERATION. RAILROAD WORKERS (SAUFI) SECRETARY GENERAL PASQUALE IANNONE SAID QUOTE ALL OF THE CONFEDERAL MINORITY IS HIT BY THE ACTION AGAINST SCALIA. BY THIS ACTION THE SECRETARIAT IS COMMITTING AN IRRESPONSIBLE ERROR OF POLITICAL JUDGEMENT IF IT THINKS THE ISSUE CAN BE LIMITED TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. THE (JULY) POLITICAL AGREEMENT IS NOW ABROGATED. UNQUOTE SIMILAR STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY SANTE RICCI, SEC GEN OF THE POSTAL WORKERS AND MARIO PIAZZA, SEC GEN OF THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS. EXPRESSIONS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SCALIA WERE ALSO FORTHCOMING FROM LIBERAL PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL BIGNARDI AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NEO-FASCIST LABOR CONFEDERATION CISNAL, GIOVANNI ROBERTI, AS WELL AS VITO CASCINI, THE LEADER OF LCIL, AN AUTONOMOUS GROUP WHICH WITHDREW FROM CISL IN 1973 OVER THE LABOR UNITY ISSUE.

4. THE CONSERVATIVE MILAN DAILY IL GIARNALE SAID THE SENTENCE AGAINST SCALIA WAS PART OF THE PROCESS OF HARIKARI (SUICIDE) IN WHICH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS SEEMED TO BE INVOLVED. THE PAPER REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO PRIME MINISTER MORO'S CALL FOR SOME SORT OF DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND TO RECENT CONSULTATIONS BY CERTAIN CISL AND ACLI (CHRISTIAN WORKERS MOVEMENT) LEADERS URGING A DC REORIENTATION TOWARD THE LEFT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CISL ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL LUIGI MARCARIO REPLIED TO THE GIARNALE COMMENT BY SAYING THAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND CISL IN PARTICULAR DO NOT SUPPORT ANY OPENING TOWARD THE COMMUNISTS OR ANY PRESUMED HARIKARI OF THE DC. MARCARIO SEES THE ACTION AGAINST SCALIA AS PART OF A RENEWAL OF CISL WHICH IS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE NON COMMUNIST COMPONENT OF THE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE MARCARIO'S PROTESTATIONS, THE
RE-EMERGENCE OF SERIOUS DIFFCULTIES WITHIN CISL
COMES AT A PARTICULARLY DELICATE MOMENT FOR THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. BOTH THE MAJORITY AND
MINORITY ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE DC. VOLPE

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